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SUBJ: EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCLUDING AGREEMENT FOR NASA

AEROBEE LAUNCHES AT WOOMERA

REF: STATE 162001, PARA 3

1. DCM WILLIAM C. HARROP AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS K. C. O. SHANN INITIALED AND EXCHANGED RESPECTIVE USG AND AUSTRALIAN THIRD-PERSON NOTES CONCLUDING SUBJECT AGREEMENT SEPTEMBER 18, 1973. TEXT OF AUSTRALIAN NOTE, WHICH INCLUDES TEXT OF U.S. NOTE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 176 OF THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER 1973, READING AS FOLLOWS:

QTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA ON MARCH 25, 1970 CONCERNING A CONTINUED PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF MUTUAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF MAN'S SPATIAL ENVIRONMENT AND ITS EFFECTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION INHERENT IN THAT AGREEMENT, AND WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 2(3), FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES LOOKING TOWARD USE OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOOMERA RANGE FOR LAUNCHING OF SOUNDING ROCKETS FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

QTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COOPERATE IN A CYOGRAM INVOLVING THE LAUNCHING FROM WOOMERA DURING 1973 OF UP TO SEVEN (7) AEROBEE ROCKETS FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS, AND SUCH ADDITIONAL LAUNCHINGS IN THE FUTURE AS MAY BE CONSENTED TO BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE 1973 PROGRAM WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN 1970 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AGREEMENT.

QTE IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SPECIFIC NUMBER, CHARACTER, PURPOSE AND SCHEDULE OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS TO BE PERFORMED AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, THE ALLOCATION OF TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE LAUNCHINGS, THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROGRAM, THE PROVISIONS OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR ROCKET LAUNCHING, TRACKING AND TELEMETERING OF INFORMATION FROM EACH ROCKET, THE RECORDING AND SHARING OF INFORMATION FROM EACH ROCKET AND THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM BE AGREED UPON BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, THE COOPERATING AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY, THE COOPERATING AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA. IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 THROUGH 12 OF THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 25, 1970 BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL APPLY MUTATIS MUTANDIS WITH RESPECT TO THIS JOINT PROGRAM.

QTE THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, THIS NOTE AND THE REPLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THAT EFFECT, SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THAT DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THREE YEARS.

QTE THE SYBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOUR TO
CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCURS IN THE
PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND AGREES THAT
THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND THE PRESENT REPLY SHALL TOGETHER
CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA ON THE MATTER WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE
DATE OF THIS REPLY. SEPTEMBER 18, 1973. END QTE.

2. ORIGINAL OF AUSTRALIAN NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF
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